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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
April 17, 1983

The Board of Regents of Murray State University met in Special Session on Sunday, April 17, 1983, at 2:00 p.m., in Madisonville, Kentucky, in the Kentucky Bank and Trust Company Building.

The following members were present:

Richard L. Frymire, Chairman, presiding
M. Ronald Christopher
Michael Harreld
Bob Lawton
Jere McCuiston
Bill Morgan
Steve West
B. M. Westberry
Alan Whitehouse

Absent was J. William Howerton.

Also present for the meeting was Mrs. Patsy R. Dyer, Secretary of the Board; Mr. James Overby, University Attorney; Mr. Don Keefe, Fleming & Associates; Dr. Wayne Bell, President of the Faculty Senate; visitors and members of the news media.

Chairman Frymire made the following statement:

This is probably the first meeting of the Board of Regents in Madisonville. I'm sorry that the Mayor is not here to welcome you, but I'm delighted to have you and hope that your stay here is pleasant.

This meeting has been called pursuant to the request (attached) of five Regents to further our completion of the presidential screening and selection process.

I would like to give a status report of the search to the members of the press and those assembled before we go into our meeting.

During the month of March, we had some seven candidates who came to the Murray State campus and which were interviewed by the faculty, vice presidents, deans, students, and Board of Regents. I encouraged at one of the meetings during that last week in March that we meet on Saturday, April 2, to further proceed with our selection process. We could not have all ten Regents present on April 2. Two Regents had scheduled vacations and one had a military obligation. I queried at that time the availability of Saturday, April 9, and for the same reasons, the same people could not be present on April 9. I further queried about Saturday, April 16. At that time, I believe Judge Howerton indicated that he had a commitment, and Bill Morgan said that he would be coming back on the 16th, but it would be late that evening before he got in.

It was our understanding at that time that we wanted all Regents to be present at this next meeting because it would be a very important meeting and that we would not meet in the absence of all Regents being present. I asked at that time for calendars for the month of April to be turned in and calendars were submitted. I received from Mrs. Dyer a memorandum dated April 8, and she says:

According to my master schedule, the only date for which there is no conflict is April 27, Wednesday.

That was also consistent with the copies that had been furnished me and for that reason I had previously issued a call for a meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 27--the only date where everyone could be present.

On Monday, April 11, Judge Howerton called me and requested a meeting for the unilateral and single purpose of considering the candidacy of one candidate, and I declined to call a meeting for

that sole and singular purpose. I further declined to call it for the reason that Mr. Morgan was still absent from the community. We have worked very hard, and we have accorded due process to every candidate and every Regent. I could not see the urgency of that particular situation.

On last Wednesday, I departed for Washington, and Mrs. Dyer reached me that evening in Washington to advise me that the call for this particular meeting had been requested. I told her at that time that I was committed the next day to be at the Pentagon where I was a member of a General Officer Promotion Board and on Friday, I was committed to be in Frankfort to sit as Special Justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court. I advised her at that time that when I returned home, I would then turn my attention to these matters. I arrived home on Friday evening about ten o'clock; I came to the office on Saturday morning, April 16, and I issued the call for this meeting. I appreciate your attendance here at this time.

I would say that at this time I have no request from Dr. Gordon advising me that he had any need for an urgent response as to his candidacy. He has never communicated that to me. The only information I have as to any urgency is through Judge Howerton and perhaps what I have read in the papers, but that request has never been made to the Chairman of the Board at any time.

I would say one thing further. Dr. Jim Appleberry withdrew as a candidate, that his withdrawal as a candidate had absolutely nothing to do with the pace of our search, and that it was known to all Regents some weeks ago that Dr. Appleberry was no longer a viable candidate for the presidency of Murray State University. An inference that the pace of our search was the cause of his leaving is an incorrect and inaccurate inference.

The Secretary called the roll and the Chairman state that nine Regents being present, a quorum is had, and the Board is ready to do business.

Mr. Westberry moved that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Mr. Christopher seconded.

The Chairman called for discussion and the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Frymire asked Mr. Don Keefe to join the Board in the Executive Session.

The Executive Session began at 2:15 p.m. and ended at 5:45 p.m.

Chairman Frymire stated that the Board has deliberated at great length today in consideration of the presidential selection for Murray State University, that no decision has been reached at this time, and that the Board will meet again on Wednesday, April 27, 1983, at Wells Hall, Murray State University.

Mr. Whitehouse moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Lawton seconded and upon call for the vote, all voted aye.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Donald L. Frymire
Chairman

Patricia R. Dyer
Secretary

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Patricia R. Dyer
Secretary

Murray State University

Board of Regents
Murray, Ky. 42071

Honorable Richard L. Frymire,
Chairman
Board of Regents
Murray State University

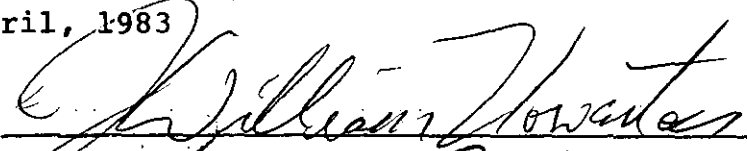
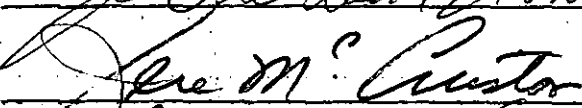
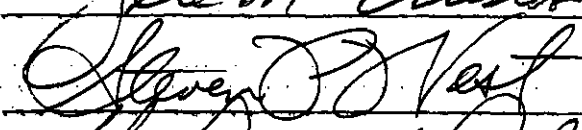
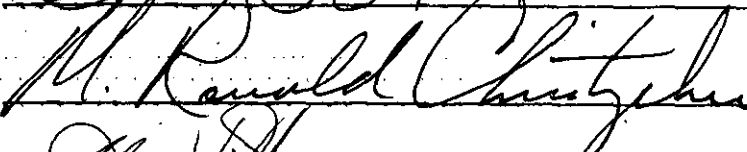
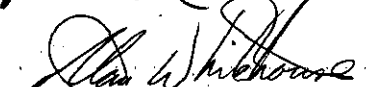
Pursuant to KRS 164.340, we, the undersigned Regents of Murray State University, request that you, as Chairman, call a special board meeting for Monday, April 18, 1983, at 11:00 (CST). The purpose of this meeting is to further our completion of the presidential screening and selection process. Any executive session or open business pertaining thereto may be conducted at the meeting.

Although it is your prerogative to designate the place of the meeting, we suggest that the meeting be held in the Regents Board Room, Wells Hall, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky. In the absence of your alternate designation, we will meet at that location at the above stated time.

It is our intention that all Board Members be able to participate and express their feelings and preferences regarding the presidential candidates and for this reason we request that the Board Secretary arrange for any absent Board Member who desires to participate by telephone to do so by conference call. If any votes are taken, those participating by telephone will be counted as present and voted. A copy of this request has been served on the Board Secretary and she is hereby instructed to co-ordinate arrangements for the meeting with the Chairman and give notification to all Board Members and all appropriate news services.

A copy of this request has also been mailed to each Board Member and it shall serve as notice of the meeting in the absence of a subsequent official notice.

All done this 13th day of April, 1983

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